P.K. JOGI): You have made your point.... *(interruption)....* You have made your point.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: If it is *mala Fide,* then withdraw; not otherwise.

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : वह जिम्मेदार तो एच. आर.डी. मिनिस्ट्री की है कि वह देखें कि बाकी स्पोर्टस ऐसोसिएशंस तो ठीक से काम कर रही हैं लेकिन एक विशेष ऐसोसिएशन जो हैं उसको हैरेस किया जा रहा है और उन परिस्थितियों में जो अभी साल्वे साहब ने बयान की है, मैं समझता हूं कि यह बहुत ही गलत है।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI): The House is adjourned for lunch till 2.15 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirteen minutes past one of the clock.

The House reasembled after lunch at fifteen minutes past two of the clock,

The Vice-Chalrman, [Miss Saroj Khaparde], in the Chair.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Now we will continue the Short Duration Discussion regarding the deteriorating law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh. Before we begin the discussion I would like to inform the hon. Members that the time basically allotted for discussion was 2-1/2 hours. We have already taken two hours and twenty-eight minutes. Therefore, I would like to request all the Members from all the parties to co-operate with the Chair. Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta. Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, would you permit me to allow the hon. Finance Minister to lay the papers?

THE GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Yes, Madam.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Thank you. Mr. Finance Minister.

Supplementary demands for grants for expenditure of the Government of Uttar Pradesh (1996-97)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants for Expenditure of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, for the year 1996-97. [Placed in Library. See No-LT 150&97].

THE BUDGET (UTTAR PRADESH) 1997-98

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, for the year 1997-98 (Annual Financial Statement). [Placed in Library, *See* No. LT 1507/97]

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): Madam Vice-Chairman, today morning with the permission of the Chairman I had raised the issue regarding the availability of audit reports for the year 1995-96, not only regarding U.P. but also regarding the Union Government. Neither have the Annual Reports of Ministries been made available to us nor have the Performance Budgets been made available to us nor have the Audit Reports been made available to us. As a matter of fact, the Budget discussion was to take place today as per schedule. But it has been postponed. So, I would request the hon. Finance Minister, through you—he was not here when I made the request in the morning—to make the reports available to the Members. At what time will he be able to make these reports available to us?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): You are waiting for a golden opportunity.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: I was not waiting for a golden opportunity. I raised this issue in the morning with the permission of the Chair.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS

SAROJ KHAPARDE): Mr. Minister, would you like to say something?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I will get back to the Secretary-General after half-an-hour, Madam.

"HE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Thank you very much.

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA (Punjab): Madam, Vice-Chairperson,...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Would you also like to say something on this issue?

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: It is not on that. Actually the Prime Minister expressed his desire that he would like to be present in the House when the discussion on UP starts. I would like to request Shri I.K. Gujral....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Mr. Singla, please don't waste the time of the House.

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: The Prime Minister desired that...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Please don't waste the time of the House.

SHORT DURATION DUSCUSSION

On deteriorating law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh—*(contd.)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, it is really unfortunate....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): What? Because I have given you time.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I am very fortunate because you have called me so early. But I must say that the situation is really unfortunate because the topic of Uttar Pradesh has been allowed to become so overpowering today that it overshadows the important, leading economic and political problems of the country. There is a problem of inflation. There is a problem of go-slow in investigations in a number of criminal cases. There is a problem of enactment of legislation for rural workers. All this has been pushed to the background because the question of Uttar Pradesh has been allowed to become so overpowering. If somebody is utilising this opportunity to take advantage of his own politics, then the Government has to be blamed for the situation that has been created. *(interruptions).*

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA (Punjab): Madam, if the Home Minister....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Mr. Singla, don't interrupt. *(interruptions).* Please sit down. Kindly don't waste the time of the House. Don't waste his time. I have given him a very little time. Please sit down.

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Madam, does he want what the Home Minister has said to be ignored?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Mr. Singla, this is not the way.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, my point is this. If the opportunity is being utilised by those who have an axe to grind, it is the Government which has to be blamed collectively and squarely. Things should not have been brought to such a level. The issue has been dragged on too far. A solution to this problem should have been found out much earlier. It would be an act of utter stupidity if anybody claims that the situation is far better during the Governor's rule in Uttar Pradesh. Statistics are sometimes illuminating. Statistics are sometimes deceptive. I don't want to go into the statistical jugglery. The point is, if there was a responsible Government in Uttar Pradesh, it should have been easier for them to hold in check the forces of anarchy and chaos. But this has not happened. Uttar Pradesh has been pushed into a situation of